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| Your monthly news update from Chichester District Council |

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| Welcome to the January issue of initiatives+This newsletter is issued every month with the latest news and events in our area, details of schemes and projects that will benefit our residents and businesses, as well as relevant national and local updates.  |

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| A heart shaped bowl of fruits and vegetables  Description automatically generated |

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| Our Wellbeing Service is here to helpAs we enter the new year, if you need some help with losing weight, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol intake, or just generally feeling healthier then don't forget our [Wellbeing Team](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=795dd72f86&e=7869a9c6dd) is here to support you to make positive lifestyle changes in a variety of ways. Find out more about how they can help.   |

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| A stone building with a lawn and trees  Description automatically generated |

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| Guildhall open morning Enjoy a rare opportunity to see inside the beautiful and [historic Guildhall](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=918ec8f54c&e=7869a9c6dd) in Chichester’s Priory Park. This Grade 1 listed building has a long and fascinating history and is rarely open to the public. Come along on Thursday 4 January between 10am and 11.30am to find out more about this amazing building.  |

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| A crowd of people walking in a street  Description automatically generated |

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| 'Feel Good' Farmers' marketThe first [Chichester Farmers’ Market](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=6eff6c7050&e=7869a9c6dd) of the year will feature a variety of wellbeing related stalls alongside some of our regular traders. Come along to find out more on Friday 19 January, 9am until 2pm in East Street and North Street.  |

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| A person in a garment holding an object  Description automatically generated |

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| Knights Templar and Jedi Knights Find out about the influence of the Knights Templar on the Jedi Knights of Star Wars at a [special talk at The Novium Museum](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=bdf370c55e&e=7869a9c6dd) on Thursday 18 January, starting at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 and include the opportunity to view the May The Toys Be With You exhibition from 5.30pm.     |

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| A box of food in a wooden box  Description automatically generated |

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| Vegan Market coming to Chichester[Chichester’s first Vegan Market](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=21c932d811&e=7869a9c6dd) will take over East Street on Sunday 28 January. The event will run from 10.30am until 4pm and features a variety of vegan street food; artisan bakes; craft cheeses; handmade cosmetics; ethical clothing and jewellery; arts and crafts; and, charity stalls.   |

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| Council meetingsChichester District residents will be able to find out more about the work of the council thanks to changes to policy discussion meetings - called [panel meetings](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=a7a0e6b21b&e=7869a9c6dd) - which will shortly be made public. |

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| A green tree with a brown stem  Description automatically generated |

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| Could you be eligible for funding to plant new trees?We’ve launched a new grant scheme to help people plant trees and hedgerows in priority areas across the Chichester District with the aim of improving connectivity between woodland habitats. Find out more about our [targeted tree scheme](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=6c808f33ff&e=7869a9c6dd) and check whether you’re eligible for funding before 8 January. |

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| A close-up of hands holding a heart  Description automatically generated |
| Social PrescribingWorried about your housing or financial situation and need information and support on where to start? Feeling lonely or isolated and want to have a greater sense of connection to your community? Needing practical or emotional support, to help you cope in a challenging situation? Interested in finding out about local groups, activities or courses? [Our Social Prescribers are here to help you](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=6f2c9b5387&e=7869a9c6dd).  |

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| A room with a picture of waves  Description automatically generated |
| Fully accessible public toilet in Bracklesham BarnA [fully accessible public toilet is now open](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=dbee754fc1&e=7869a9c6dd) in Bracklesham Barn in Bracklesham. It’s specifically designed to meet the needs of disabled children, and adults with complex care needs who need the support of a carer. The facilities have much more space than a conventional accessible toilet and also include specialist equipment. |

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| ****Other local news****Keep up-to-date on all the latest council news at [www.chichester.gov.uk/latestnews](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=5c2cc4f13e&e=7869a9c6dd)Here you can find the latest media releases and you’ll also find the latest District Dispatch column, and previous issues of our newsletter that you may have missed. |

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| ****Share this with a friend****  Please encourage your friends and family to sign up to this newsletter at: [www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts](https://chichester.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=36944501426cd467c96b84eb5&id=96f2dcb327&e=7869a9c6dd) |

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